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NEW LEADERS MAY ASSUME CHARGE

Flood Resigns This Week; Glass to Go Away.

PHASES OF THE FIGHT.

Leaders on the Two Sides Express - Their Views.

TOPICS TALKED IN THE LOBBIES.

Sale of the R., F. & P. Stock-The Judgeship Cancus - Many Members at Home for Sunday-Bill of Importance to Lawyers Passes the Senate.

The fight in the Schate over the Con stitutional Convention bill will probably be settled in a few days; if it is not the two opposing leaders, Mr. F. and Mr. Glass, may yield to lieutenance.

Mr. Frond, Congressman-elect from the Tenth Virginia District, will resign his scat in the Senate the latter part of this Mr. Glass said last night he expected to leave the latter part of the week for Waskins Glen to spend a veral has remained at his post of daty only be-

Sonator Flood said last night that bus-

has been less diligent than the Hot House members themselves admit t the Senate has discussed all questi connected with the matter of arrang connected with the matter of in-for the convention equally as tho-us has the other branch. Indeed the sion over the submission of the at Constitution to vote of the peo-been as heated and as interesting heard in the Virginia Senate in a long

pledge has made trouble, or, at least, lots of work for the Senaie.

Senator Flood's bill, known as bill No.

2. provided for submission to all the voters of the Commonwealth, both black and white. Other amendments sought to have the amended Constitution voted on only by the members of the electorate under the new Constitution, which is expected to eliminate the negro vote. It is argued by Senator Flood and his followers that in order to keep the solemn pledge of the Norfolk Convention all the people entitled to yote when the pledge of the party in convention assembled was made must be allowed to pass upon the amended organic law.

"There seems to be an impression that in providing in bill No.2" that the Constitution should be submitted to the people, an unusual course is being pursued." said Senator Flood last night. "Such is not the case, The acts providing for the conventions of 1829-23 and 1850-53 did the same thing, and with these precedents and the pledge of the party at Norfolk, it has seemed to me that there was no and the pledge of the party at Aoriols, it has seemed to me that there was no other course for us. Again, it seems to me the powers of a Constitutional Convention are greatly exaggerated. Gentlemen contend that no limitations can be imposed upon such a body," said Mr. Flood, "They have evidently not examined the text-books and decided cases

upon the subject.
"Such a convention as we are providing for is from the nature of the case limited for is from the intuite of the case ammer and restricted in its powers; otherwise it would be revolutionary in its character. Where there are existing constitutions, conventions are called to make changes in the existing organic law, but they do not possess utilimited or revolutionary powers. They cannot resolve society back into an aboriginal state. A conin that case it would possess no power to modify or alter, any other feature of

the organic chart.
"It is a great mistake to imagine that "It is a great mistage to imagine that a Constitutional Convention is an omnipitent body that can do whatever it pleases; the people have a veto upon it and the people's representatives in providing for a convention can put limitations upon it, and in view of the pledge of the Democratic party and without which I do not believe the proposition to call a convention could have been car-

oncluded Mr. Flood, "to put such a limitation upon the convention as will require it to submit the Constitution to the electorate that the people understood when they voted in May for a convention would have to pass upon its ratification or rejection."

An advocate of the amendment offered An advocate of the amendment offered by Semator Glass vesterday stated the matter very succinctly. "We take the broad ground," he said, "that the Legisia-ture has not the right to instruct the Con-stitutional Convention. We contend that the Convention is the people. It is far above the Legislature, We do not make any claim that action declaring for the submission of the amended Constitution to submission of the amended Constitution to vote of the people qualified to vote under its provisions would be binding on the Convention. But we do claim that the

Ginss amendment, submitted yesterday, would fulfill every pledge made by the Convention at Norfolk, and we shall fight for its adoption. In our opinion it would have the Constitutional Convention abso-

published reports d' his speeches in the Senate have not clearly stated his position on one phase of the Constitutional Convention discussion. "My contention is," said Mr. Eggleston, "that, under the provisions of the Flood bill the new Constitution could only be submitted as a whole visions of the Fieod D.A. the new Constitu-tion could only be submitted as a whole, and if it distranchises the mass of the negroes, outside a great number of office-holders and greatly effected corporate in-terests, we would find all three classes united against the adoption of the newly knamed organic law. I believe these dis-satisfied interests united might defeat the Constitution."

There is a growing demand for Senator George B, Keezell to come to the Constitutional Convention from Rockingham, not only among his own people, but among his friends in other sections of the Sinte. It is urged that the Senator's intimate acquaintance with the oyster question on account of his experience in this line on the Board of Fisheries, combined with his horse sense on all business propositions, would make him a met valuable member of the beily, and there are many who would be delighted to see him come. He says, however, that he is not seeking the honor, and that it would mean a great sactifies of his personal interests to accept, were it tendered him. Senator Keezell believes there should be a special election for delexates held early in the opring, and that the convention should aselection for delegates held early in the pring, and that the convention should assemble as seen thereafter as is practicable. He is of opinion that the work of the body will be too important to be hurried through with and that it should be commenced as early as possible, so that it new instrument can be voted on at the following November election.

the withdrawal of Judge W. R

to the bence will remove a from the House whose ser-

g been made a special order for The friends of Judge Dew ex-utmost confidence in the adop-e majority report of the Courts Committee, as they say there of Justice Committee, as they say there are numbers of rhembers who would support Mr. Dupny if the case should come up in the caneus, but who believe there is no vacancy, and who will, therefore, vote to sustain the committee. Hon, R. S. Parks, of Page, will make the majority report and lead the fight, while the minority view will probably be supported by Hon, W. P. McRae and others.

It seems now fairly settled that Speaker Saunders will not resign until the end of the extra session, so the great light for needing officer of the House will be deterred until the meeting of the next regular session. The friends of Hon, Samuel L. Kelley, of this city, will insist usen presenting his name for the distinguished honor, and a great many members who expect to come back to the House have indicated their nurpose to support him, should present conditions obtain. While

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STRANGE MYSTERY OF A ROBBERY

sible Clue to a Theft In a Hospital-Detective on

the Case.

During the last week a robbery has been committed at a tospital in this city, which is now thought to have been planned and s now thought to have been planted and experienced in a most unusual way, and exceeding to plans carried out, rewarding he expert with a considerable amount of money and other valuables.

The rebbery remained a profound mysery without a clue until Detective Hall egan an investigation and discovered hat on the day it occurred a man visited the institution, dressed in the clothes fallabarer buying in its band a series.

ted the inflittion, dressed in the contest a laborer, having in his hand a screw-iriver and one or two wrenches. He tated when he entered that he wished to nspect the radiators in the building, and or that purpose was allowed to visit nearly every from and ward in the building. He entered many patients' rooms. Intered with the radiators and continued its insuretion on the first second and his inspection on the first, second and third floors unmolested and unsuspected third floors unmolested and unsuspected. In the nurses' rooms, which are in the most remote part of the building, trunks were opened, the locks being pried and bent, and in one case removed entirely. From there a good amount of money was found missing when the occupants of the rooms entered later in the day. The man who is suspected was evidently in no hurry, as he spent more than an hour in the building.

After completing his round he did not leave the hospital by the main entrance, but asked of a nurse to be shown out a side way, which was done, and he departed.

has been made, and as the heating apparatus of the building is not known to flave needed inspection, and such was not authorized by any one in authority, the man's presence is yet unexplained, and to learn who the individual was is the most of the detections.

FRENCH OCCUPIED ERMELO.

Force of Six Thousand Buers Retired.

(Py Associated Press.) CAPE TOWN, Feb. 9.—General French has occupied Ermelo, in the Transvaal; 6,000 Boer, retired. The Boers violently nttacked Smith-Borrien's outpost at Both-well, February 6th, but were driven back with heavy loss.

Ada Grav Seriously III.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Ada Gray, the actress, whose name is inseparably associated with "East Lyne," is ser'ously ill at the Home for Incurables at Fordham. She is there as a ward of the Actors Fund. For five weeks she has been sinking fast, and little prospect of her living through the winter is entertained.

CLAY ACTIVES REFUSED TO ACT

Instructing Senators.

A LIVELY DEBATE.

Mr. Diggs Led the Opposition to Mr. Winston's Proposition.

TALKS ABOUT CORPORATIONS.

Messrs. Hill Montague and J. Garland Pollard Thought the House Plan Would Bring the Convention Closer to the People. Mr. H. L. Carter Was Elected President.

The Clay Ward Actives last night discussed the basis of representation in the Constitutional Convention, and by an overwhelming majority voted to lay on the table a resolution endorsing the House apportionment plan.

There was an unusually large attendance of members. The first business dance of members. The first business done was to elect a president to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Evan Snead. Mr. Henry L. Carter, the first vice-president, was elected to succeed Mr. Snead; Second Vice-President R. T. Davis was moved up a peg, and Mr. R. L. Winston was chosen second vice-president. All of these elections were made unanimously. made unanimously.

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Mr. R. L. Winston offered the resolution endersing the House apportionment plan and calling on Senators Munford and Sands to support it. The paper recited that Richmond ought to have five representatives, which the city would get under the House bill, whereas under the Senatorial plan the city and Henrico county would have only four delegates, and one would naturally go to the county.

Mr. Isaac Diggs opposed the resolution. He said this matter had been carefully considered and discussed by the law-makers of the State, and he thought it would be unwise and impolitle now for the city to take action. He also reminded the club that Mr. Sands was the author of the bill to elect delegates by senatorial districts, and Mr. Yunford had made a speech in favor of this plan. It would not be fair to these gentlemen now to ask them to change their position.

Mr. Diggs further stated that in his judgment the county rings would not be able to exercise so much influence und rith Senatorial as under the House plan. It was not a question, he said, of however, or researt with said of however.

whole State. For one, he was willing to select men like John W. Daniel, whether or not they racided in Richmond.

MR. MONTAGUE'S POSITION. Mr. Hill Montague carnestly advocated the resolution. He thought Richmond should have at least five representatives. The city was entitled to this on account of the population and taxes paid.

Mr. H. L. Carter urged the club to be slow in taking any radical action. He thought it was too lats for the body to accomplish anything in the way of in-fluencing the senators. Mr. Carter said one good man would be worth five weak ones in the convention. He said that while there were one hundred members

ones in the convention. He said that while there were one hundred members of the House, it was a well known fact that a dozen or so shaped legislation while the others at pointies.

There was a lively running debate between Mr. Diggs and Mr. J. Garland Pollard as to the attitude of the corporations toward the convention. Mr. Pollard thought the House plan would oring the convention closer to the people, and he thought the House plan would bring the convention closer to the people, and he bedeved the votes in the General Assembly showed that the corporations favored the senatorial plan. Mr. Pollard argued that it would be much easier for the corporations to control the convention under the plan proposed by the Senate.

HOW IT IS DONE. Mr. Diggs did not agree with him. He Mr. Digrs did not agree with him. He said the corporations, as a rule, did not go to the clies to get their representatives, but went into the countles. Mr. Diggs had never heard Senator Sands accured of being a corporation lawyer, and whenever the interest of the corporations and the people have conflicted Schator Munford has always sided with the neonle.

Mr. Diggs said he was no particular Mr. Diggs said he was no particular friend of corporations, nor was he an enemy to them. They were good things when kept which their legitimate sphere. He reminded the cub that when the people of Richmond to boost of the rapid strides their city is making they have to refer to what the corporations are doing. For one, he would prefer that a corporation lawyer draft the Constitution rather than a corporation of the constitution of the c a representative of a county ring, for the corporation lawyer could do the work better.

Mr. Poliard said he was no enemy to

Mr. Poilard sair he was no enemy to corporations, but he wanted to see them keep out of politics. He would sooner have a Constitution written by the county politician than one from the hands of an

dew of the matter, and on his motion the esolution was laid on the table by a vote

WITHDRAWAL FROM CUBA

Scarcely Possible Before Next Fall at the Earliest.

(By Associated Press.) (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—It is now apparent that it will scarcely be possible for the United States to withdraw entirely from the government of Cuba before next fell at the applicat

for the United States to arthractal for the content of Cuba before next fall at the earliest.

This is conceding the possibility that the Cuban convention may adopt a Constitution entirely acceptable to this Government on or before the 1st of April next. It is recognized on all sides that it will require several months after the adoption of the Constitution to complete the organization of the Cuban Government and have it in successful operation.

At any rate such are the views of the officers of the Administration as stated by a prominent official familiar with the situation. This gentleman also said that when the Cuban Government is in successful operation the United States troops will be withdrawn from the island. Such withdrawal, he said, would be made when the Cuban Government requested it and it was clearly apparent that the Government was fully capable of maintaining peace and good order.

peace and good order.

There undoubtedly would be a common understanding on the subject

PEACE PROSPECTS KILLED HIS MAN IN SELF-DEFENSE

Wouldn't Pass Resolution | Barber Shoots Assailant | International Harmony Undisturbed. While Being Choked.

SONS CHIEF OF POLICE. THE EMPEROR'S VISIT

One Dead, the Other Fatally Shot.

SENTIMENT FAVORS THE BARBER

The Two Men Entered His Shop and Created a Disturbance, and He Drove Them Out - They Returned and Attacked Him With Blocks of Wood, He Defended Himself.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) RUTHERFORDTON, N. C., Feb. 9.-Nelson Hamrick, son of Chief-of-Police Hamrick, killed, and Ezell Hamrick fatally shot is the result of a tragedy which occurred in Dock Bailey's barber shop at Forest City at noon to-day. The Hamrick boys went into the shop drinking while Bailey was shaving a gentleman, and began throwing cups and water about until Bailey ordered them to leave.

ATTACKED WITH STICKS OF WOOD. They did so, but returned in a few minutes with huge sticks of wood and made an effort to kill Balley; siezed him, brew him to the floor and was choking him to the hoor and was chosing him to death when he drew his pisted and fired. Nelson was shot in the stomach and died in a few minutes. Balley was arraigned before a magistrate and the testimony showed he was justifiable. He was released under a \$500 bond.

All the parties are white. The sentiments are against the victims. Balley is a law-abiding man. DEAD MAN A LYNCHER.

It is said the dead man was under bond for aiding in the lynching of the negro Avery Mills last August, and would have

THREE DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Attempt to Rob Pestellice Frustrated by Display of Bravery. (By Associated Press.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 9.-Four masked men attempted to rob the postoffice and store at Engina, the first sta-

tion out of a cycle last night, with the result that two white men and one negro are dangerously shot and one white man and one negro escaped injured.

About 10 o'clock Samuel Alexander, the portmaster and clerk at Emina, werd roused by a knock, and a request to get sameone's mail. On opening the door Alexander was covered by a pistel and ordered to unlock the safe, which he did. One worker had be night on Alexander. the robber held the pixel on Alexander thile the other began to loot the safe. Alexander at a opportune moment makked the pixel of the robber, going and began firing. At the same time the other robber opened fire on him. Two of the rebbers were badly wounded, one possibly fatally and Alexander has an this morning all the robbers were safe in

Two of the robbers were white and two nearces. The white men are Russ Gates and Dudley Johnson. The latter is supposed to be a man wanted in Florida for murder. The negroes are Ben Foster, and Harry Miller, ex-convicts, and well-known to the local police.

DRANK WHISKEY AND MAY DIE.

Alex. Willis' Refusal to Take a Dare May Cost Him His Life.

If Alex. Willis lives it will be due to the heroic efforts employed by Dr. Fisher. of the ambulance corps, in his treatment of Willis' case. As it is, the condition of the young man is quite serious. In a bantering way one of Willis' com-

panions declared that he (Willis) could not drink a pint of whiskey without stop-ping. Willis wanted his friends to un-derstand that he was not a man to take a dare, and at once proceeded to do the prestidigitator's act and turn a pint of whiskey into a man.

A policeman took Willis from the saloon

and carried him to the First Police Sta-tion. Dr. Fisher was summoned, and noting the man's condition, had him removed to the hospital. His condition is

DEBTS REPUDIATED.

Clause in Cuban Convention Adopted by Large Majority.

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, Feb. 9.—The Constitutional Convention at to-day's session adopted by a large majority the first article of section 23, which provides that all debts contracted prior to the promulgation of the Constitution shall be repudiated, ex-cept those contracted on behalf of the revolution from and after February 24,

185.
Senors Giberga and Sanguilly argued in favor of leaving the question to further legislation, saying they did not believe in tying the hands of the republic in the settlement of just claims, as such action might lead to international com-

plications.

The opinion of the majority of the delegates was that the treaty of Paris provided for a peaceful settlement of claims.

HATCHET AND KNIFE.

Ben Jones and Albert Clarke Had Troubles of Their Own.

Ben Jones and Albert Clarke, both negroes, had troubles of their own last night, and in each instance the "unknown feller done it."

In Ben's case the assailant tried the hatchet, but only succeeded in cutting

Ben's scalp. Two ugly wounds were in

flicted. The officers of the Third District are now looking for the other fellow. Clarke tried to explain the "whichness of the why" to a stranger, but the latter's logic didn't let him see it that way, so to emphasize his point he used a knife. Clarke went to the First Station and here had an ugly stab wound in his left shoulder sewed up. Dr. Fisher attended

to both cases.

ARE IMPROVED

Strengthens Relations Between Britain and Germany.

CONFIDENCE IN DOWNING STREET

Portugal, Germany and Great Britain Believed to Be More Closely Allied Than Ever Before in Their History-Emperor William a Dominat-

ing Figure.

(By Associated Press,) LONDON, Feb. 9 .- A comprehensive view of the international situation reveals only improved prospects for continued peace and harmony. From the British standpoint Queen Victoria's death appears to have strengthened more than weakened Great Britain's position among the nations. A sufficient time has elapse since Victoria ceased to reign for the Foreign Office to feel the political pulse of the capitals of Europe, and the brief exam-

capitals of Europe, and the brief examination commenced in no spirit of cocksuredness resulted in a feeling of satisfaction and security in Downing Street.

The foremost factor in this, naturally, is Emperor William's attitude. Responsible officials here make no attempt to conceal their elation at the circumstances attendant on His Majesty's visit. They do not shut their eyes to the dissatisfaction the Emperor has caused among certain sections of his subjects, but rely implicity on the imperious force of Germany's ruler to successfully overcome the internal opposition tagendered. Closer relations, undoubtedly, now exist between Great Britain and Germany. Lord Salisbury and Lord Lansdowne are quite prepared to hear Count von Buelow (the Imperial Chancellor) satirically belittle the significance of the Emperor's visit to England, but this will be purely for home consumption. CLOSER ALLIANCE.

The alliance between Great Britain and Portugal scarcely needed the visit of King Charles to render it stronger. Yet the continued stay here of that ruler is the continued stay here of that ruler is believed to be likely to bring the peoples of Portugal and Great Britain Into closer touch, thus rendering easier the work of the respective Governemnts. So far as the diplomatic phase goes, the Associated Press is officially informed that nothing new has resulted from the King of Portugal's stay in England. The mutual responsibilities in connection with Deiagon Bay were too well understood previously to need further discussion.

Thus, Portugal, Germany and Great Britain are believed to be more closely united than ever in their history, united by compact, which in the opinion of leading British statesmen is stronger even than the Dreibund, which is yearly becoming more of a tradition than a work-

coming more of a tradition than a work-ing agreement.

The only feature of the recent inter-

The only feature of the recent inter-national happenings regretted at Down-ing Street 's the Emperor's decoration of Field-Marshai Lord Roberts with the Order of the Black Eagle. It is thought that His Majesty went almost too far in view of the hostile comments the German press is in the habit of showering on Great Britain's South African campaign. Still," says the officials, "Emperor William never does things by halves."

DOMINATING FIGURE. Neither in China nor in other parts of the world Russia and France, in the Foreign Office view, give an indication of a counter-action against this activity of the British diplomacy. Lord Salisbury is said to rely on Emperor William to keep in touch and harmony with the Czır So long as this is feasible. France is no expected to take any serious initiative Moreover, according to dispatches in the British press, French Anglophobish seems to have abated since the Queen's death. Austria and Italy are put down as sure to do nothing contrary to Emperor

sure to do nothing contrary to Emperor William's wish.

It is easily seen Emperor William is now the dominating figure in European affairs, and to this Great Britain has no objection. She has made it possible and trusts to profit by it. Relationship between the reigning families of Europe is not held to be of much account in the chancellories, but so far as it goes, it is believed King Edward's personality will tend to improve its decree of potency.

lleved King Edwards personanty and con-to improve its degree of potency.

Simultaneous with the accession of King Edward (who-incidently golfers refer to as the first Sovereign who plays golf since James II.) the waters of the Nile have been turned back. Sir John Aird cabled this week:
"The last channel has been closed at

Assuan. You can now walk across the This will solve the problem to provide

corn in Egypt.

The excellent piece of dam constructed will have to withstand a severe strain when the Nile rises with the next floods.

WANT THE PRESIDENT.

Invitation Extended Him Eminatly Proper. (By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 9.-Camp W. J. Hardee, United Confederate Veterans, has adopted resolutions declaring that the invitation extended President McKinley to attend the national reunion in Memphis in the spring, was one of emi-nently good taste and criticism of the act was unjustifiable and should be con-

The camp takes the position that the President is President of the whole country and his presence at any gathering, be it Confederate or Federal, would be eminently proper.

COTTON GROWERS.

An Important Meeting to Be Held in Atlanta on February 14th. (By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 9.—An inter-State executive meeting of prominent cotton representatives from the different States will be held at the Capitol in this city February 14th. This meeting is the our February 14th. This meeting is the outgrowth of resolutions adopted at the Inter-State Convention of Cotton Growers. It was determined to create an inter-State bureau, which would have general pupervision over the different State As-

sociations of Cotton Growers, and where the cotton statistics for the whole South could be consolidated and prepared in comprehensive shape for distribution. Each State is entitled to three dele-gates. Among the representatives to be present are:

present are:
From North Carolina—General W. R.
Cox. of Tarboro; B. Cameron, of Staggville, and John P. Allison, of Concord.
From South Carolina—J. S. Wilborn,
of Old Point, and D. M. Crasson, of Lees-

ville.
From Florida—B. M. McClingle, of Tallahassee; F. M. Adams, of Jasper, and D. H. Mays, of Monticello.
From Georgia—Hoke Smith, of Atlanta; Pope Brown, of Hawkinsville, and Thos. G. Lawson, of Eafonton.

THE SANTIAGO HEROES.

President Will Probably Repeat His Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—It is expected that the President will, on Monday next, renominate all the officers connected with the naval victory of Santiago, July 3, alled of action in the Senate many

months ago.

The new nominations will be identical in character with those formerly sent to the Senate, with this difference, that the operation of the personnel law already has advanced many of the officers whose names were on the list, and consequently the Department is obliged to make some recommendations to carry out the recommendations of the Board's instructions. Rear-Admiral Sampson is advanced to rank after Rear-Admiral Howell, the senior officer in his grade, and next below Admiral er in his grade, and next below Admiral

Rear-Admiral Schley is advanced to rank next below Rear-Admiral Sampson.

The order of advancement in the case of the other officers is practically the same as in the original nomination.

SCALE SIGNED.

Mine Workers and Operators Come to Terms.

GBy Associated Press,)
COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 9.—After a struggle over the wage scale for the next year, lasting ten days, the joint conference of coal miners and operators to-day readopted the scale of the year preceding. Indianapolis was selected for the next conference, which will meet January 30, 1992

Both sides expressed satisfaction with Both sides expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the session. This evening the scale was signed by the officers of the United Mine Workers of America and committees of operators, representing the Blockfields of Indiana and the mine owners of Ohlo and Pennsylvania.

Virginia Postmasters.

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(Speslal Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Virginia, postmasters appointed: Birdwood, Albemarle county, J. D. Bruner, vice L. W. Noel, removed; Chaffin, Halifax county, W. N. Cumble, vice R. G. Wherwin, resigned; Clayville, Powhatan county, C. S. Dorset, vice W. J. Gregory, removed; Kells, Halifax county, M. M. Conner, vice E. A. Garber, resigned; Streets, Middlesex county, J. F. Hughes, vice R. F. Hillard, resigned; Tola, Charlotte county, W. M. Peuk, vice J. H. Davis, resigned; Volens, Halifax county, W. R. Roark, vice G. H. Franklin, resigned. vice G. H. Franklin, resigned.

Women's Peace League.

Women's Peter Lagge.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, Feb. 9.—Fifty American and two hundred Filipino women organized the Womens' Peace League at the Liberated Theatre to-day. The League advocates American sovereignty.

A Filipino woman presided. The executive committee will meet at the house of Mrs Taft (wife of Judge Taft, president of the Philippine Commission), Tuesday to

the Philippine Commission), Tuesday to complete the organization.

IRON RATES WILL TAKE A TUMBLE

Decided Reductions to Become Eflective This Month-Virgir ia Points Share.

Iron rates will take a most decided tumble. This is what has been decreed by the truffle officials. Virginia centers will hare largely in the benefits, resulting rom this towering of rates. According to the plans decided upon the

iron westbound from Virginia the on pg-iron westbound from virginia furnaces will drop fifty cents per ton. ne rates becomes effective February Rates on eastbound business from Western furnness have also been reduced to points East and the semboard. Rates on pipe from Lynchburg have been lowered. Rates on manufaduren iton have also been reduced. This reduction is twelve cents and the classification has also been changed. Under the new classification manufactured iron articles are

ication manufactured iron articles are educed from the fifth class to the sixth class, in carlead lots, in less than car-oads, the old classification is still effecive. The new rates on manufactured ron are effective on and after the 15th

There has been, for some time a general clamor among the iron shippers and manufacturers of the country to have the rates reduced. All roads have acted on these continued demands, and the rates ce been lowered more or less. Probabl the most notable figures in the general fight for lower rates has been Andrew Curnegie in his struggle with the Pennsyl ania Railroad.

PROHIBITION BILL.

One Introduced in the National House of Representatives. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 .- Representative Small, of North Carolina, to-day introduced a bill to prohibit the sale or manufacture of distilled spirits, fermented liquors or wines, made under the authority of the United States, in States where the same is prohibited by the laws of the said State.

WRAPPED IN FLAMES.

Child's Dress Ignited and Death May Result.

Five-year-old Florence Miller, daughter of William Miller, of No. 106 Orleans Street,

The child attempted to put some wood in a stove when her dress became ignited. Her clothing was burned off, and her body from the ankles to the chin is a mass of

dressed the child's injuries. Her condition, is regarded as critical.

TRIUMPHAL TOUR OF MRS. NATION

Crowds Clamor to Shake Her Hand.

SPOKE TO THOUSANDS

Advised Her Hearers to Take Rooms and Smash Saloons.

ABUSED CARTER HARRISON,

The Saloon Smasher Said She Regarded Him as the Biggest Devil in the Land, and Threatens to Call on the Mayor and Give Him Pointers.

(By Associated Press.)

DES MOINES, IOWA, Feb. 9.-Mrs. Nation's tour through the western part of the State to-day took on a new feature, and was in the sense of a triumphal journey for the little Kansas saloon-smasher. She made a dozen addresses from the platform of a Rock Island passenger train in the towns she passed through to come to Des Moines to deliver a lecture.

In the afternoon she visited four suoons, doing no damage, but there was such a big crowd on the street that the police were compelled to stop the crusade. In the evening she addressed 2,000 people in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.
The journey from Council Bluffs to At-

antic was made quietly, the hour being too carly for many people to see the crusider. At Atlantic the first visitors warmed on the train, and as Mrs. Nation saw them coming down the aisle she cried but, jubilantly: "Hello, boys; glad to see our, shake hands; God bless the boys and re young men. I tell you I just love you

Large crowds were at the station at Dexter and Eartham, while Desoto and Booneville turned out respectably well, considering the size of the towns. Mrs. Nation did not show any symptoms of

Nation that not show any symbols of fatigue, but continued as effervescent and jubilant as ever.

At Valley Junction fully 200 laboring men were present, many of them railroad hands employed in the Rock Island shops. There Mrs. Nation shook hands with everybody within reach, especially the everybody within reach, especially the county love and then singled out a restsmall boys, and then singled out a red-tosed countenanced man at her victim, "There's a man that needs a saloonsmasher all right. I can tell him by his looks. Come up here, my friend, and shake hands with Carrle Nation; don't

be afraid."

The crowd roared, but the man simply reddened in the face and refused to budge.

"You are one of the smashed," crie!

Mrs. Nation. "I guess I'll have to go out be afraid.

The crowd gave way, but Mrs. Nation laughed and the man suiked.

"We've got a couple of joints here in town," cried another man.

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Turning nearest to her, she called: "Fill your pockets with rocks and smash the h-ll-joints. Don't be afraid. God will take care of you." Then as the train started to pull on the last stage of its journey to Des Moines, Mrs. Nation called out, as a benediction: "Its just like this trip; we're only pass-

ing through the world and making brief stops, but see to it that we all meet again in Heaven."

YELLING THRONG. At Des Moines there were fully 5,000 people cheering and yelling at the depot when the train pulled in. As Mrs. Nation just look at the dears; may Fod bless walked out of the car and got a glimpse of the vast throng she broke loose in childish glee, saying: "Just look at it; just look at the dears; may God bless warm one."

After an hour's work on the part of the After an nour's work on the part of the police a way was made brough the crowd for Mrs. Nation to reach a carriage that hall been provided. Once inside the carriage the clamor for a snake of hand was too great and the saloon smasher stepped out to the carriage and clanging to the swipering way with one hand frantically. out to the carriage and clinging to the swinging-floor with one hand frantically grasped the outsuretched hands and arms with the other and wrung them sincereig, crying all the while: "God Bless You."

FOUR OF SALOONS.

After the reception which lasted fifteen minutes the crowd was forced back and the carriage moved up to the only very larger botal in the dity with the carriage.

rominent hotel in the city without a bar. Here Mrs. Nation received many hun-dreds, shaking hands and giving all her

By this time the enthusiasm had been (Continued on Second Page.)

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local.

 House passes Convention bill, but
 Senate still debating.
 Senator Flood soon to resign his seat.
 Clay Ward Actives have a breezy discussion as to representation in the Con--Freight rates on iron to be greatly

-Contract awarded by the C. & O. for COO steel cars.

—How the trunks of hospital nurses were robbed.

-A child seriously burned.

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State.

-Gen. Stith Bolling gives encouragement for securing an appropriation for the Appomattox at Petersburg.

-The people of Nottoway pleased with the Richmond military.

-Renewed interest in the Beahm trial.

-The Newport News officials balled for their appearance.

General. -Mrs. Nation accorded a triumphal reception in Des Moines.
-Senator Tillman made attack on pension legislators.
-Representative Brown astonished the Republicans by attacking the colonial action.

policy.

—Congressional committee makes strong report on subject of hazing at Military Academy.

—Bold attempt at highway robbery on Philadelphia street.

Foreign.

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-England's bonds of peace with rest of world undisturbed by Queen's death.

-Women in Philippine Islam form a peace league.

-Dewet foiled in two attempts t escape.

-British under French occupy a post.